

## STATEMENT OF CLAIMS STATUS

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1-8 are rejected .

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## SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

### DETAILED ACTION

#### *Claim Objections*

1. Examiner States: "Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: examiner believes that the phrase "*The method of Claim 8*" should be substituted for "*The method of Claim 1*". Appropriate correction is required."

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

2. Examiner States: "Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1. The phrase: "the participating agency" has no antecedent basis.

Claims 2-8 are rejected as being dependent on claim 1."

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. Examiner States: "Claims 1 and 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Meltzer et al. (US 6,366,925). Meltzer et al. (hereinafter Meltzer) teaches a method and system for conducting legal services, comprising:

Claim 1. Electronically accessing an INS application center (C. 5, L. 30-40); entering preliminary screening and qualifying data (C. 6, L. 24-37); determining eligibility of the user for various INS procedures related to immigration and naturalization (C. 8, L. 29-53); selecting and filling INS forms; and electronically sending the completed forms to the particular agency (C.12, L. 39-55).

Claim 3. Making electronic payments for required fees (C. 14, L. 8-9).

Claims 4-5. Accessing the website over the Internet (C. 4, L. 62 — C. 5, L. 2; L. 3~9-40).

Claim 6. See reasoning for claim 1.

Claim 7. Determining eligibility of the user by comparing qualifying data to INS requirements (C. 8, L. 34-36).

Claim 8. Creating an account (log) containing qualifying-data particular to the user (C. 9, L. 39-60)."

***Claim Rejections -35 USC § 103***

4. Examiner States: "Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meltzer. Claim 2. Meltzer teaches all the limitations of claim 2, except specifically teaching *printing* the completed forms. Official notice is taken that printing from the Internet is well known. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Meltzer to include printing the completed forms from the website, because it would provide user with a hard copy of the filled forms if the electronic system fails."

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